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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 550, 551, and 552.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS SUCCESSION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the bill (S. 2162) to establish a 10-year term for the service of the Librarian of Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2162

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress asembled

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SERVICE OF LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall appoint the Librarian of Congress, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) TERM OF SERVICE.—The Librarian of Congress shall be appointed for a term of 10 years.

(c) REAPPOINTMENT.—An individual appointed to the position of Librarian of Congress, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may be reappointed to that position in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with respect to appointments made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

The first paragraph under the center heading "LIBRARY OF CONGRESS" under the center heading "LEGISLATIVE" of the Act entitled "An Act Making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes", approved February 19, 1897 (29 Stat. 544, chapter 265; 2 U.S.C. 136), is amended by striking "to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,".

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HONORING CHIEF EDWARD J. HUDAK, JR.

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward J. Hudak, Jr., on being sworn in this past Friday, October 16, as the chief of police for the Coral Gables Police Department.

Chief Hudak has a long record of service to south Florida, having worked for 26 years for the city of Coral Gables and its police department, helping residents and visitors alike in "The City Beautiful," a city which I am so humbled and honored to represent.

As I am, Chief Hudak is a proud University of Miami Hurricane. Chief Hudak earned his undergraduate and master's degree from the U, having more recently graduated from the FBI's National Law Enforcement Executive Academy.

Coral Gables is indeed fortunate to have such a hardworking and relentless civil servant take the lead at its police department.

Congratulations, Chief Hudak, on being named the top cop of "The City Beautiful," the city of Coral Gables.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. GALLEGO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, as we close Hispanic Heritage Month and look back at our community's history and ongoing challenges, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

For 25 years, the Initiative has played an important role in advancing the dialogue and policies that have helped our community move forward. This year, as part of its anniversary celebration, the Initiative released the Bright Spots in Hispanic Education, an online national catalog. The catalog features 230 programs, organizations, and initiatives that are supporting and investing in educational attainment of Hispanics from cradle to career.

Today, I congratulate four Bright Spots in my district that have been recognized for their outstanding commitment and contributions to our community: the American Dream Academy, the Bilingual Nursing Fellows Program, the Fowler Head Start Program, and the Victoria Foundation. These programs are leading the way to close the education gap. I look forward to continuing to work with them as they find ways to ensure every child, including Latino children, has the tools they need to succeed.

REMEMBERING AITKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR STE-VEN SANDBERG

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Aitkin County Sheriff's Investigator Steven Sandberg, who was killed in the line of duty last week.

Investigator Sandberg was deeply respected by his community and was somebody who was always handling the

county's toughest cases, which meant putting himself in harm's way.

Those who knew Steven knew that he was a dedicated family man and a committed parent, not missing a single one of his daughter's basketball games.

He was also a shining light for his entire community. He was a former three-sport athlete at Aitkin High School. He served as a volunteer fire-fighter for 17 years, and he taught Sunday school at the local Methodist church.

Mr. Speaker, Steven Sandberg dedicated his life to serving others and keeping people safe. We honor his sacrifice. My thoughts are with his wife, Kristi, and with his daughter, Cassie, as well as with the entire community in Aitkin County.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. CÁRDENAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I come here to remind us how diverse our country is and how beautiful it is that we have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month for the last 30 days.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind everybody that when we do things like that, it is not to talk about how we are different or separate. No, it is to talk about how alike we are and to talk about how wonderful and great our country is.

The tapestry of people that come from all over the world come here to start a new life, come here to create opportunities, perhaps not for them, but for the next generation. Together, we have created the greatest country that this world has ever known and has ever seen.

From Europe, from the Americas, from Africa, from Australia, from all parts of the planet, people come to this country for a better life and a second chance.

I hope and pray that in these Chambers we can live up to the responsibility of holding true to the values of America and holding true to our responsibilities as a legislative body of this country to create and pass laws to make sure that everybody can continue to have those opportunities for generations to come.

HONORING JUNE SORG

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elk County, Pennsylvania, Commissioner June Sorg. June was honored recently with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania's Outstanding Commissioner of the Year Award and with the Special Presidential Award. This award recognizes a commissioner who has contributed to the advancement of county government.

June has a long career of public service, serving for six terms as county commissioner, totaling 24 years. In that time, she has been a leader in Elk County on issues ranging from human services, workforce investment, prison issues, infrastructure improvement, recycling, and environmental issues.

Specific accomplishments during June's tenure include consolidation of county offices to a centralized location, improvements to the county's jail, and the construction of Elk County's new emergency management center.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, county commissioners across the country dedicate countless hours toward the improvement of counties and communities that they serve. I know that June's Sorg's work proves this is true in Elk County.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{HEROIN TASK FORCE AND STOP} \\ \text{ABUSE ACT} \end{array}$

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the new members of the bipartisan task force to combat the heroin epidemic. We introduced our first piece of legislation, the Stop Abuse Act, this month.

Heroin abuse in the United States has reached unprecedented levels, increasing 63 percent over the last decade. This addictive and dangerous drug has torn a path through every community, destroying families and ruining lives.

In my home State of New Hampshire, the number of patients admitted to the State-funded treatment programs reached over 1,500 in 2013, doubling the number from 2004.

Nationwide, in 2014, heroin abuse was responsible for nearly 8,200 deaths. In just 10 years, the number of addicts has doubled to over 500,000.

To address this health crisis, we must expand coordination between local, State, and Federal governments, law enforcement agencies, and medical professionals. We must assemble the best ideas from experts around the country, which is why Congresswoman ANN KUSTER and I formed the bipartisan task force. We are doing everything possible to raise awareness, increase education, and hear from families and individuals affected by the spread of heroin.

I urge my colleagues to join our effort so we can stop this epidemic.

$\begin{array}{c} {\tt MINNESOTA~LYNX~BASKETBALL} \\ {\tt TEAM} \end{array}$

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, allow me to congratulate the Minnesota Lynx Basketball Team. This wonderful basketball team has won three titles in 5 years. This is the great sports story of our time.

I would like to just let the Minnesota Lynx, their coach, and all their fans know that we are incredibly proud of them. We celebrated, and we had a victory parade.

We had all those things happen, but the truth is that this is women's basketball. It is high quality, and it is excellent. It shows girls that women are excellent athletes, and it shows boys the same thing. This is great for our whole country and great for our community in Minnesota.

We are proud of the Minnesota Lynx. Do you know what? I want to know if they can win another one next year. I wouldn't put it past them.

Go Minnesota Lynx.

FEDERAL DEFICIT

(Mr. LaMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Treasury Department confirmed what we already knew: we have cut the Federal deficit to the lowest level since this President took office. At \$439 billion, the deficit is about 10 percent lower than in 2014 and is less than one third of what it was in 2009.

Yet, earlier this week, the administration was quick to boast about announcing the deficit being down that low when we asked in the past, "What is the plan, Mr. President, for balancing the budget ever?" Not telling me how to do it, but when. We haven't gotten any answer.

This has been the result of discipline started by House Republicans with the Budget Control Act and other measures to keep spending in line so that we will have a chance some day to have a truly balanced budget.

If we had the economy responding and things to help spur the economy, we could reach that goal even faster, perhaps even by 2019. With the right discipline, we could balance the budget. Then no longer will we have to have a debate about whether we should be extending the debt limit, which I think is appalling for all of us here, especially for the next generation who are going to have to pay the price on that.

So this is indeed good news. We want to get that budget deficit number to zero as soon as we can and maintain the business of this country.

CONGRATULATING BAYLOR COL-LEGE OF MEDICINE AND RICE UNIVERSITY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am very excited today to congratulate the researchers from the Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University in my hometown of Houston.

On Monday, they announced an important discovery about the structure